

Montana 4-H Horse and Livestock Forum

The Montana 4-H Horse and Livestock Forum is an opportunity for 4-H leaders and teens to further their skills in working with youth in the Horse and Livestock Projects. Workshops and demonstrations are offered throughout the event and time is allowed to share ideas from county to county. Workshops may be taught by university researchers, Extension Agents, industry professionals, 4-H leaders, or 4-H teens. The Forum is held every other year to run opposite the Alberta, Canada 4-H Horse Leaders Forum and may be hosted by any county or group of counties in Montana.

The Montana 4-H Horse and Livestock Forum will be held **February 27 – March 1, 2009** at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center.

The Carbon County Committee has planned a very clever skill-a-thon for all participants on Saturday. This will not only test your knowledge, but will also display how to conduct a skill-a-thon in your county. Attendees can select their teammates at the Forum.

The registration fee will be **\$100 for earlybirds before February 20th and \$125 after the 20th of Feb.** This fee includes Friday night Dinner, Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Sunday Breakfast. A block of rooms have been set aside at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center for \$70.00 per night. You can reserve your room by calling **1-800-537-7286**.

This is the link to the registration page: <http://msuextension.org/HLLForum2009/Registrationadd.asp>

Also this year we ask that you fill out a Family Feud Survey. This survey's results will be announced at the lunch on Saturday: <http://msuextension.org/HLLForum2009/FamilyFeudSurveyadd.asp>

State 4-H Horse Show Theme and Logo Contest

State 4-H Horse Show is October 2-4, 2009 in Lewistown. Fergus County is hosting the 2009 State 4-H Horse Show this fall, and we need your help. Don't worry, it will be pretty painless. Needed: a slogan and logo for this year's show. Logo Design Contest: 4-H members can show off their creative and artistic skills by entering a logo design contest. The 2009 State 4-H Horse Show Committee in Fergus County is asking members to submit a logo and theme for this year's show. Entries are due May 8, and the winner's artwork and slogan will appear on the official rule books, t-shirts and promotional material for the State Horse Show. Entry forms are available in the Extension Office.

2008 MONTANAFAIR JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

The 2009 MontanaFair will be held in Billings in August. Any 4-H member wanting to enter a livestock animal must have that animal ear tagged in Billings on the following dates.

Beef Tagging – February 7, 9:00 a.m. to noon at the PAYS arena

Animal Quality Assurance Training – 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Sheep/Swine Tagging – June 6, 8:00-11:00 a.m. at PAYS arena

Animal Quality Assurance Training – 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Each exhibitor can tag three animals in each species. Animals must be tagged specifically for the MontanaFair. A market animal tagged for the MontanaFair can not be shown or sold at another 4-H or FFA Junior Livestock Show. Open shows do not pertain to this rule. Everyone will need to weigh his or her animal(s) at tagging time. A beginning weight is required for the Carcass Contest through the Ultrasound program. Steers do not need to be halter broke to be weighed. If the weather causes a problem for you to get to Billings on the tagging date, please contact Roni Baker at the Yellowstone County Extension Office (256-2828). For further details, call the Gallatin County MSU Extension Office at 388-3213.